

MISCELLANY

Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. Under this department are grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and Twenty-five Years Ago. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Lane Lectures.—The Stanford University School of Medicine has announced the forty-ninth course of popular medical lectures which will be given at Lane Hall, north side of Sacramento Street, near Webster, on alternate Friday evenings, 8 o'clock sharp. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

On Friday evening, February 20, 1931, "Minor Pelvic Ailments of Women" will be the subject of Dr. Ludwig A. Emge's talk.

"Past and Present Concepts in Oriental Medicine," by Emile Holman, M. D., will be given on Friday, March 6, and on March 20, "Indigestion, Its Meaning and Management," will be discussed by Arthur L. Bloomfield, M. D.

Public Health Exhibits at County Fairs.—At the 1929 American Medical Association conference of state medical society secretaries and editors, a most interesting paper on "Public Activities of the Nebraska State Medical Association" was read by Dr. E. R. Hays, secretary of the Nebraska association. The paper was printed in the *American Medical Association Bulletin* of January 1930. The editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was so impressed with what Nebraska had been able to accomplish in its public health education that the Council of the California Medical Association allocated funds for a beginning of similar work in California. The editor also secured a list of California fairs with their approximate dates of opening and closing. This list of fairs is here printed for the information of component county societies and of members who are interested. The standing Committee on Health and Public Instruction is making a further study of the Nebraska plan, and it is hoped that a beginning can be made in county fair public health exhibits during the current year.

The data concerning California fairs follows:

Meeting of American College of Surgeons, California-Nevada Section.—The California-Nevada Section of the American College of Surgeons holds its next annual meeting in Oakland, April 24 and 25. The Committee on Arrangements, composed of the Alameda County members of the college, met and organized recently, electing Dr. O. D. Hamlin, chairman; Dr. Charles A. Dukes, secretary, and Dr. George G. Reinle, treasurer.

In addition to the members of the college, the whole medical profession of the states of California and Nevada are especially invited, as the session will be of extreme interest to all. The program committee has arranged for clinics at the various local hospitals for the visiting men, and in addition to the regular scientific discussion, has planned for a great meeting for the general public at which men of prominence in public health and preventive medicine will speak.

"Medical Center" Adopted as Name for University of California Group of Professional Schools.—At a meeting of the deans of the professional colleges and the director of Hooper Foundation for Medical Research of the University of California, it was voted to apply the term "Medical Center" to the schools, colleges, and research centers considered collectively. The group has been known as the "Affiliated Colleges," although the medical school, the college of dentistry, the college of pharmacy and Hooper Foundation have been integral parts of the University of California for many years and the name itself officially abandoned. The term "Medical Center" was considered appropriate for the group because the University Hospital receives cases from all parts of the state, the out-patient department offers treatment to patients from practically every county in the state; the college of dentistry clinic furnishes dental work to needy individuals for about the cost of materials, and Hooper Foundation for Medical Research and the pathology department of the medical school are cooperating with public health agencies and physicians everywhere. In addition, the Medical Center is now taking steps to protect California from tropi-

California Fair Dates (Tentative)

Name of Fair	Secretary	Dates Held	Place Held
Imperial County Fair.....	D. A. Weir	Feb. 25 to March 2	Imperial
Bells of Solano Exposition.....	May 24 to June 1	Fairfield	
San Leandro Cherry Festival.....	N. W. Armstrong	June 2 to 7	San Leandro
California Sweet Pea Show.....	Fred S. McCarger	June 10 to 11	Salinas
California Rodeo.....	Fred S. McCarger	July 16 to 20	Salinas
Hilmar Community Fair.....	A. W. Caldwell	Aug. 6 to 7	Hilmar
Santa Barbara County Fair.....	J. H. Chambers	Aug. 12 to 16	Santa Maria
San Joaquin County Fair.....	Ed G. Vollman	Aug. 18 to 26	Stockton
California State Fair.....	Chas. W. Paine	Aug. 30 to Sept. 7	Sacramento
Glenn County Fair.....	E. A. Kirk	Sept. 9 to 14	Orland
Fresno District Fair.....	Trefle LaSenay	Sept. 9 to 14	Fresno
Merced County Fair.....	R. Casad	Sept. 10 to 13	Merced
Los Angeles County Fair.....	C. B. Afflerbaugh	Sept. 12 to 21	Pomona
Tulare County Fair.....	Harry W. Perry	Sept. 16 to 20	Tulare
Southern California Fair.....	Cecelia G. Gravens	Sept. 23 to 28	Riverside
Kern County Fair.....	L. B. Nourse	Sept. 23 to 28	Bakersfield
Siskiyou County Fair.....	R. O. Gwyn	Sept. 26 to 28	Yreka
Orange County Fair.....	H. A. Lake	Sept. 30 to Oct. 5	Santa Ana
Ventura County Fair.....	W. G. Wilde	Oct. 1 to 5	Ventura
San Diego County Fair.....	Felix Landis	Oct. 7 to 11	San Diego
Pacific Slope Dairy Show.....		Nov. 8 to 15	Oakland

cal and oriental diseases which might be brought in through the development of world commerce.

Appointments to Committee on the Costs of Medical Care.—Dr. John M. T. Finney of Baltimore, professor of clinical surgery in the medical school of Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. David Riesman of Philadelphia, professor of clinical medicine in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania and physician to the Philadelphia General and University Hospitals, have been appointed consultants to the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. Doctor Finney and Doctor Riesman join Dr. Roger I. Lee, consultant in internal medicine, of Brookline, Massachusetts, as consultants of the committee.

Lecture at University of California Medical School.—On Tuesday, February 24, at 12 noon, Professor Jules Duesberg of the University of Lieze, Belgium, will lecture on "How Belgium is Trying to Develop Research." Members of the faculty, students and all interested are invited to attend.

New California Directors of Public Health—Drs. Porter of Los Angeles and Sabichi of Bakersfield Appointed by Governor Rolph.—A news dispatch in the Los Angeles Times of date of January 27, is as follows:

Sacramento, January 27 (AP).—Governor Rolph today announced appointment of Dr. Giles S. Porter of Los Angeles as director of the State Department of Public Health, to succeed Dr. Walter M. Dickie, resigned.

Dr. George C. Sabichi, Bakersfield, was appointed assistant director and chief of the division of epidemiology, which handles communicable disease work.

Both Doctors Porter and Sabichi, the Governor said, were highly recommended to him by Doctors George Parrish and William C. Hassler, health officers of Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively. Doctor Sabichi succeeds Dr. Jacques S. Gray, Santa Rosa, who resigned some time ago.

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.—The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, composed of nine members and examiners, elected by the American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons, the American Gynecological Society, and the Section on Obstetrics, Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery of the American Medical Association, was formally organized in Niagara Falls, September 16, 1930. The function of the board is to grant certificates indicating proficiency and specialization in obstetrics or gynecology, or both, to those who comply with its requirements. This board has been in the process of organization since 1927. It puts into action a determined effort on the part of these three national organizations to improve the standards of practice of obstetrics and gynecology. The board does not intend in any way to interfere with or limit the professional activities of any duly licensed physician, but it does aim toward standardized qualifications for specialists in obstetrics and gynecology. Any well qualified obstetrician and gynecologist should have no difficulty in obtaining a certificate and the board is desirous of receiving applications from those to whom this applies. The first examination for candidates will be held simultaneously in nineteen different cities of this country and Canada on Saturday, March 14, 1931. Detailed information and application blanks may be secured from Dr. Paul Titus, secretary, 1015 Highland Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

American College of Physicians.—The fifteenth annual clinical session of the American College of Physicians will convene in Baltimore, Maryland, March 23-27, and in Washington, D. C., March 28, 1931. Held in important medical centers, these clinical sessions constitute, perhaps, the most important postgraduate week in internal medicine each year. Those

who attend the meeting will find ample in the way of clinical, laboratory, research and historical interest, well to repay them for the time spent in making the journey.

The entire program of the clinical session is characterized by new subjects, new authors and wide geographic representation.

Hotel headquarters will be at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, while general headquarters, at which the registration of members, commercial exhibits and all general sessions will be held, will be the Alcazar, Cathedral and Madison streets, Baltimore. Transportation on the certificate plan of reduced fares will be available to all physicians and dependent members of their family from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Mr. E. R. Loveland, 133-135 South Thirty-sixth Street, Philadelphia, is the executive secretary of the college, and it is to him that requests for further information or programs should be addressed.

New Psychiatric Directory.—In 1928, the second edition of the *Directory of Psychiatric Clinics for Children in the United States*, was published. This directory included, in addition to a list of clinics offering psychiatric service for children, a brief description of any psychiatric services conducted by state departments, a list of state hospitals and institutions for mental cases, and a statement of the activities of state and local societies for mental hygiene. In addition to what was obtained in 1928, material will be gathered relative to psychiatric clinics for adults.

The success of this compilation depends largely on the coöperation and assistance of the directors of psychiatric clinics.

All neurological, neuropsychiatric and psychiatric clinics accepting psychiatric cases for psychiatric study and treatment should be included in this directory. Information from anyone regarding any clinic not included in the last directory will be greatly appreciated, together with any other suggestions as to ways in which the directory may be made more useful. Address information to George S. Stevenson, M. D., Director Division on Community Clinics, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

MUCH IN LITTLE*

Esteem the counsel of elders—their wisdom is of experience.

Elders use laboratory findings for all they are worth.

Keep a card index—then you will know "the kind of medicine I gave you last time."

Cleanse your hands, thermometer and hypodermic in the presence of the patient.

Treat no complaint with levity or the complainer will feel hurt. Many trifling ailments become serious.

Throw away none of your colleague's medicines when called to a patient he has been treating, or the patient will think less of you.

Do not promise a recovery. Always be a guarantor of service.

A prognosis of death and the patient lives,
His friends will forget and forgive.

They never forget you though they may forgive,
When he dies and you said he'd live.

* Members of the California, Nevada and Utah Medical Associations are invited to contribute to this column of aphorisms, which will appear from time to time in California and Western Medicine, as sufficient copy accumulates. The aphorisms in this issue were sent in by John William Shuman, M. D., Los Angeles.